# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Supreme Court judgment in writ petition No, 196/2001 directing the State Governments to start providing cooked meal instead of dry ration to the Primary Students @ 3kgs. per month;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to review the scheme of National Programme for Nutritional Supportto Primary Education by giving adequate financial support to the State Governments to meet the extra expenditure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) : Yes, sir.

(b) & (c ): The Working Group on Elementary Education for the 10th Five Year Plan had recommended a cost sharing on a 50:50 basis between Central Government and States,on a conversion cost of Rs.1 per child per school day. However, financial assistance to States/UTs in addition to the existing central support namely, supply of free of cost food grains and admissible transportation charges, would depend upon adequate allocation of funds for the purpose.